

## ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a vertical system and method for providing shipping and logistics services, operations and products to the chemical industry. The present invention integrates shipping and logistics services, operations and products that are currently provided by multiple entities into a vertical system that may be presented as a site on the world wide web and provide a user with “one stop” shopping for shipping and logistics services, operations and products by acting as a supply chain integrator to assemble and manage resources, capabilities, and technologies of the user’s own organization with those of complementary service providers, thereby enabling manufacturers / producers and logistics service suppliers, both asset based and non-asset based, to collaborate without losing their individual status and identity in the supply chain.

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